Commissions/incentives paid to doctors by drugs companies

781. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the regulation exists to stop doctors being paid commissions, incentives, etc. by drug companies for prescribing their drugs?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Regulation 6.4.1 of The Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 provides that a physician shall not give, solicit, or receive nor shall he offer to give, solicit or receive any gift, gratuity, commission or bonus in consideration of return for the referring, recommending or procuring of any patient for medical, surgical or other treatment. A physician shall not directly or Indirectly, participate in or be a party to act of division, transference, assignment, subordination, rebating, splitting or refunding of medical fee for medical, surgical or other treatment.

Scheme to ensure health for all

782. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been working on a scheme to ensure health for all by 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much work in this regard has been accomplished and whether remaining work will be completed as planned earlier?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Government has already launched National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for the period 2005-12 to improve access the quality health care on equitable and affordable basis for all citizens of the country. Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) major improvements are being taken up in Primary Health Care System in the country and the thrust is on establishing a fully functional, community owned, decentralized health delivery system. NRHM facilitates simultaneous action on collateral determinants of health like water, sanitation, education, nutrition, etc. Under NRHM major steps have being taken to augment the Health Human Resources, Improve infrastructure and equipments at health facilities and improve planning, management and logistics/supply chain management at health facilities.

All the States have adapted the strategies under NRHM and the institutional framework has been operationalised. The intermediate goals of NRHM have been achieved as per the approved time line. The Annual Programme Implementation Plans(PIPs) of all the States and UTs have been approved for FY 2009-10.

GDP spending on health

783. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: